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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Attached herewith are articles by (i) Chien, KR, (ii) Katz, AM, (iii) Pennica *et al.*, and (iv) Lai *et al.*, and a Declaration submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 with an exhibit. Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement, consideration of which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.